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system. Now, this is a big project and last year the Legislature passed 947, which created a task force which really worked very hard through the summer and the interim and the fall. And I wasn't able to go to their meetings a lot of times. I tried to always have staff there. And they came up with a report, which I'll be glad to...each of you would have received one, but you may not have it handy, but it's the "Nebraska State Radio Communications Task Force Report", dated January 1 of 1999, to the Legislature and to the Governor. And in the back of that report you will see the list of individuals that worked on this and, to their credit, I think they did a very conscientious job of doing everything they could to try to figure out the next step in this problem. And, really, what they came up with is this. They came up with some findings that said such things as: effective communication is key to the public's safety; current communications equipment is noncompatible, archaic, obsolete, and raises concerns about secure communications; current technologies would increase...current technologies would increase efficient communication and allow for secure communications. And they also said the cost of investing in new communications technology is something that must be borne by the state and local entities to create a seamless statewide network. The network must balance local and statewide needs with respect to compatibility and equipment and coordination, and must have a means of ensuring needs are both identified and met. And this is maybe the most important finding that they had: Before implementation there must be a process for ongoing implementation, management, review and improvement of a statewide system. Thus, we come to LB 446, and the suggestion here is that we...we enact 446 to basically create a Public Safety Wireless Communication Advisory Board, and it lists the various representatives in the bill: Department of Roads, Department of Corrections, Game and Parks, State Patrol, Emergency Management Agency, county sheriffs, League of Municipalities, Police Officers Association, Nebraska County (sic) Association of County Officials, Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, firefighters, volunteer firefighters, emergency medical service reps. Now, the task of this board basically will be to, with the insistence of a consultant, to come up with recommendations for specific technology and prices and costs that might be involved with that...with those suggested technologies. The one thing that you need to know,